

[English] 37 Spice(s)

India's Share in ~~Sp~~ice Trade

*384. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a decline in India's share in spice trade in the international market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED) : (a) to (c) There is some fall in our share in world trade in spices. This is due to a variety of reasons, the main reasons being (a) increase in domestic consumption, (b) high prices in domestic market, (c) fall in international prices of major spices, and (d) lower productivity leading to India being generally out-priced by competitors. The Spices Board has taken the following measures to promote exports of spices from India :

- (1) Encouraging export of value added items like spice oils and oleoresins, spice blends and mixes and also export in branded consumer packs,
- (2) Sending delegations/study teams to selected markets for market promotion,
- (3) Arranging buyer-seller meets in India for business development,
- (4) Participating in selected international fairs and exhibitions,
- (5) To popularise various brands of Indian spices and to develop loyalty to Indian Brands, the Spices Board have introduced a Brand Promotion Scheme,
- (6) Taking up development and research programmes for increasing productivity and production of spices,

- (7) Undertaking various steps such as grower education and establishment of quality upgradation laboratory for improving cleanliness of Indian spices to meet importers requirements.

The exchange rate adjustment and the enlarged REP Scheme are expected to give an impetus to the growth in export of spices.

Average ³⁸Population coverage by a Bank Branch

*385. DR. SUDHIR RAY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the average population covered by a bank branch in the States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal, separately; and

(b) the all India average of population covered by a bank branch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) : Average population per bank office (APPBO) as on 30-12-1990 in the States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir and West Bengal is given below :—

Name of State	APPBO (Rounded off to thousand)
Punjab	8000
Himachal Pradesh	6000
Karnataka	9000
Kerala	9000
Goa	4000
Jammu & Kashmir	8000
West Bengal	13000

The All India average on that date was 11000.

³⁸ Orissa
Upgradation of Bhubaneshwar to 'B' Class City

2334. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the population of Bhubaneshwar city as per 1981 and 1991 census;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the Bhubaneswar-city to a 'B' class city for the purpose of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory City Allowance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE)

(a) : The population obtaining within the Municipal limits of Bhubaneswar city as per 1981 Census is 2,19,211. The final population figures of this city as per 1991 Census are not yet available.

(b) to (d) The question of upgradation of Bhubaneswar to a 'B-2' class city for the purpose of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance will be taken up after final population figures of 1991 census become available.

[Translation]

Defence
Rajasthan
Functioning of Sainik School, Chittorgarh

2335. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Sainik School is functioning at Chittorgarh in Rajasthan and the details of income and expenditure of the school for the last three years;

(b) whether any step has been taken for the progress of the school during this period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Details of the income and expenditure of the Sainik School at Chittorgarh, which was established in 1961, are given below :—

Year	(Amount in lakh of Rs.)	
	Income	Expenditure
1988-89 . . .	51.33	46.54
1989-90 . . .	55.63	50.28
1990-91 . . .	54.38	64.38

(b) to (d) The performance of Sainik Schools is regularly reviewed, at various levels. Some of the important steps taken in the recent past are :

(i) Improvement in the service conditions of the Sainik School employees (provision of General Provident Fund, Pension, Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Leave Travel Concessions etc.) to attract better talent and encourage motivation.

(ii) Complete prohibition on private tuition work being done by the teachers of Sainik Schools.

(iii) Arrangement of special (extra) classes in English for the new entrants.

In the Chittorgarh School the following steps have also been taken to improve the teaching :—

(a) An Audio Visual Resource Centre has been established. It has video cassettes of lessons taught to reinforce learning. Video cassettes on other subjects are also made available to the students.

(b) Computer training has been introduced.

[English] 40 Silk

Mulberry Cultivation

2336. SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the places where Mulberry is mainly cultivated ?

(b) the incentives given by the Government to increase the cultivation of Mulberry; and

(c) the target fixed for the cultivation of Mulberry during the current year and the results achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Jammu &